

Value of the week:

Well done to children who took on the extra home learning challenge this week to draw what a balanced meal would be like for a packed lunch: all the children that took extra time to do this and give it to me by the deadline of Thursday should be coming home with an appropriate "thank you" to enjoy with their family. In assembly on Monday we talked about different food: we said that there weren't "good" and "bad" foods but there are some foods that you can have as much as you like of and others that you should only have very occasionally, with many in the middle. Children were able to order these, putting fruit and vegetables at one end of the spectrum and sweets and chocolate at the other.

Next week we are turning our attention to sugar, and considering where we find "hidden" sugar and how we can reduce our sugar intake. We will consider drinks, and remind children why it's important to have water in drinks that we sip most of the day.

Achiever of the week:

Minibeasts: Alfie N
Minibeasts: Sebastian H
Tigers: Charlie D
Zebras: Livia M
Penguins: Victor GG
Giraffes: Jaiden J
Lions: Samuel G
Meerkats: Lewis DM & Isla S
Eagles: Matthew D

Value of the week:

Minibeasts: Isla M
Minibeasts: Annabelle K
Tigers: Rory K
Zebras: Edward H
Penguins: Shaan M
Giraffes: Rhys R
Lions: Ella C
Meerkats: Jack G
Eagles: Thomas L

Wraparound drop-off and collection:

From now onwards, the external gate near the Primary Entrance will be closed when you drop off and pick children up from Wraparound. This is to make sure that our site is safe at all times. Parents and carers can open this (it doesn't need to be locked – the security comes from it having two handles that can only be opened by an adult) but please close it behind you so that we keep our children safe from the moment they arrive with us to the moment they are back in your care.

Please also be aware that it is only Wraparound staff that will let you in – children are being reminded not to open the door to adults, even if they know them: again to keep all our children safe.

Year 2 SATs information evening:

Thank you to all the parents and carers that came to the SATs information evening yesterday. We hope you found it useful to hear how we approach SATs in Year 2. If you would like to look again at what children need to be able to do at the end of Year 2 to reach different judgements, information can be found at

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/647105/2017_to_2018_teacher_assessment_frameworks_at_the_end_of_key_stage_1_PDFA.pdf

If you weren't able to get to the session last night, the handout with the information on it is attached to the same email as the newsletter. If you have any comments about the evening, please email me directly at rhughes@heyfordparkfreeschool.org. Thank you

Attendance for last week:

97.1% Well done everyone.

Uniform Reminders:

Please remember that on PE days, children still have a uniform to wear – a white polo shirt, black sweatshirt (ideally with the Heyford Park logo on it) and black jogging bottoms or shorts.

Year 4 Residential Meeting:

Next week, on Wednesday 31st January at 2.30pm and 6pm, Year 4 parents (from both Meerkats and Lions) are invited to discuss a two-night residential in the summer term this year. We will share where we would like to go, activities that we would do, and answer any questions you have. We hope to see you there!

Reception and Year 1 Reminder:

Please remember that until your children have been collected by staff (and the gate closed for Reception children), children are your responsibility: the outside gates are open at this point, and although children are welcome to play and use the climbing equipment, it is important that we are all aware of where children are so we can keep them safe.

Coming Soon: a message from Miss Ward:

The children in Key Stage One are lucky enough to have an Author visit next Thursday 1st February. Her name is Natasha Spence and she has written a book called Molly's Shoe Box which contains four stories in one book! Natasha will read a story with each Key Stage One class for 30 minutes and then provide a follow up activity for teachers to complete with their class. Please feel free to prepare your child for our special visitor by researching stories she has already written or by thinking of a question they would like to ask her on her visit.

Arriving in the mornings:

Please make sure that children from Miss Ward's class and older come through the Primary Entrance in the mornings: some of our older children have started to arrive through the main entrance which is not allowed: we have staff on the Primary Entrance to greet children as they arrive, and children can then make their way to their classrooms. Thank you.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 1st February – Disco: more information to come from Friends
Monday 5th – Friday 9th February – Arts Week – more information to follow
Friday 9th February – last day of the half term
Tuesday 20th February – first day back after half term
Tuesday 20th February – Giraffes on a trip to Greatworth Farm
Tuesday 20th February – first session of Cycle Training for selected Year 5s
Thursday 22nd February – Lions on a trip to Greatworth Farm
Tuesday 27th February – Meerkats on a trip to Greatworth Farm
Thursday 1st March – Eagles on a trip to Greatworth Farm

Tuesday 27th February, Wednesday 28th February and Thursday 1st March – Parents' Evenings for Primary parents: more details to follow later in the term.

Have a lovely weekend! Mrs Hughes